

Convocation
October 16 & 17, 2014
Minutes

1. First Business Session – Thursday, October 16, 2014
 - a. Minutes adopted
 - b. Agenda approved
 - i. Faculty and student Convocators approved (Julia Fogg, Vlad Vaiman, Ashlee Bowen, Alex Egertson, Eric Reinhardt)
 - c. Tim Hengst – Faculty Chair Report on Current Status
 - i. There are 23 new faculty this year
 - ii. Largest group of incoming faculty in Cal Lutheran’s history
 - iii. PLTS faculty join meetings remotely
 - iv. Faculty welcomed the new dining commons; it is a wonderful addition and greatly enjoyed
 - v. It has been a challenging year due to the WASC accreditation process– April is the campus visit and review
 - vi. Faculty governance remains a priority
 - vii. Current process has been in place for decades
 - viii. Faculty is looking to revamp as necessary
 - ix. Specifically how often to meet and who should meet
 - x. Recommendations for “common core” review should be available in the Spring
 - d. Jimmy Sweeden, student worker with the Church Relations office introduced the Convocator Scholarship video showcasing recipients of the scholarship
 - e. Howie Wennes provided an update on the Youth and Family Ministry Endowed Chair
 - i. Theology & Christian Leadership major is in place
 - ii. Dr. Colleen Windham-Hughes provided information on students within the program
 - iii. \$1.5M endowed chair has been fulfilled
 - iv. Della Vivian – a parish worker – gave one of the first cash gifts
 - v. Wilbur and Darlene Carlson from Camarillo gave a gift of \$1.25M
 - f. Book Study – Arne Bergland presented
 - i. Each Convocator was given a copy of the book “Lutheran Higher Education: An Introduction.”
 - ii. It will be an online book study with more information to come from Arne.
 - iii. The religion department will also participate
 - g. V.P Panel – each panelist was introduced
 - i. Steve Wheatley
 1. The merger promoted a good opportunity for the Church, Cal Lutheran and PLTS to connect
 2. The merger allows us entry into Region 1
 - h. Matt Ward
 - i. Discussed the demographic shifts
 - ii. Traditional demographics are changing – Latino student population is up

- iii. Cal Lutheran must consider non-traditional students
 - iv. 2014 represented the first dip in enrollment in many years
 - v. University must change how they look at students and begin to consider attributes beyond just academics
 - vi. 76% of revenue is from tuition
 - i. Melinda Roper – Interim Dean
 - i. Shared the plan for the remodel of the old cafeteria which would become the new student union building. The lower level will feature a large common area with game tables and room for an open kitchen, a student government area and student life offices (for club meetings, etc.)
 - ii. The current Nelson Room will become the Study Abroad Office
 - j. Karen Davis
 - i. The university is in a very good financial position at 92% of budget as of the meeting date
 - ii. Karen’s office is requesting approval of a new science building
 - iii. The building will be funded by a capital campaign
 - iv. Some of the long term debt is being refinanced as it will save about \$5M over the course of the term
 - k. Leanne Nielson – Provost of Academic Affairs
 - i. Role of faculty has changed due to technology and the internet
 - ii. We need to teach faculty how to get “good” information from internet to analyze, etc.
 - iii. Introduced a new style of teaching called “Flip the Classroom.” This consists of the instructor videotaping information, students listen/watch before class to promote side by side learning
 - iv. Online learning is growing
 - v. How the class is designed is critical for success
 - vi. Many programs consist of both classroom and online experiences – blended learning styles
 - l. University Advancement – Howie Wennes, Paul Evenson and Ashley Brown
 - i. Hand out was provided to show talking points for how to train us to be equipped as leaders
 - ii. Convocators can help build scholarships by talking with congregations
 - m. Religion Faculty – Colleen Windham-Hughes moderated the discussion
 - i. Each faculty member present for the discussion introduced themselves
 - ii. The diversity amongst the department is strong
 - iii. All the faculty are promoting, discussing and teaching the Lutheran doctrine and history
2. Second Business Session – Friday, October 17, 2014
- a. Tyler Robinson offered the opening prayer
 - b. Offering taken for the Annual Fund and the Richard Pederson statue
 - c. Ally Ruggles, ASCLU President, gave a brief update on student government
 - d. Breanne Gibson from the Graduate and Professional Programs department spoke about the new program
 - i. This department wants professors and graduate students to be involved

- ii. A new Facebook page was designed
 - iii. There will be an outreach to everyone attending Homecoming
 - iv. There will be many events throughout the year and at each campus
- e. Karen Ingram introduced the Regents and the Convocation ratified their positions
 - i. Newly ratified Regents are: Bill Camarillo, Judy Larsen, Carrie Nebens, Rev. Mark Hanson, George Ullman
 - ii. Re-elected Regents include: Ted Jensen, Rick Lemmon, Susan Lundeen-Smuck, Ron McDaniel, Deborah Sweeney. Bill Krantz was elected to a 4th term.
- f. The Caucus Chairs present the reports from the caucus meetings
 - i. Jen Crum –
 - 1. This group agreed that the need for congregations to add a budget line item for Cal Lutheran needs to begin at the Synod level
 - 2. It is important to support the Invitation to Service and Youth Ministry Training Events
 - 3. An idea for a future convocation theme is the Reformation anniversary
 - ii. Marvie Paulson –
 - 1. Howie’s presentation provided good talking points to encourage participation
 - 2. Need DVD’s to be able to hand out to congregations
 - 3. Interfaith talking points needed
 - iii. Scott Moore –
 - 1. Discussed difficulty in Rocky Mountain Synod due to the mountain barrier
 - 2. Discussed ways to improve Church giving to PLTS and Cal Lutheran
 - 3. Discussed better ways to structure Convocation
 - 4. Discussed a “committee” method of getting the Synod more involved
 - 5. We need to strengthen the caucus with new members
 - 6. We thanked Ben McCracken for all his years of service
 - iv. Susan Ruby –
 - 1. Discussed “committee” idea
 - 2. Discussed bringing some ecumenical members into the At Large Caucus since it is small right now
 - v. Jim Day –
 - 1. Would like the Admission’s Office to provide dates they will be in various areas so that alums and Convocators can attend events
 - 2. With respect to Church participation as it relates to monetary support, they propose a program to send people out to congregations to solicit support
 - a. Suggested sending out youth teams from the Lord of Life student congregation or students in the Theology and Christian Leadership program

3. Regarding the “committee” idea – they asked the question of whether the Convocation should become part of a Regent Committees
- vi. Karen Ingram –
 1. A theme for the future could be “interfaith” or sustaining the Environment of Faith
 2. Will focus on reaching out to people not now part of convocation
 3. Would like to go to “class” again (with the students) to get more interaction and student perspective
 4. Committed to double congregation participation with money to PLTS and Cal Lutheran
- vii. Howie Wennes
 1. Reminded us all to make contacts soon with our congregations to include PLTS and Cal Lutheran on the their budgets
- viii. The group picture was taken at the Luther statue
3. The Convocation attended the 55th Founders Day Convocation with Dr. Karen Bloomquist, dean at PLTS as keynote speaker. Jack Wise received the Christus Award.
4. Lunch with the Regents
 - a. During lunch Frank explained the role of the Convocators
 - b. The Regents presented an update on key items they are working on
 - i. First is the goal to raise \$30M for the Science initiative
 - ii. Secondly is to increase growth in graduate programs since we are at capacity for undergrad programs
 - iii. Third is to insure that the satellite campuses have room to teach and that they still feel integrated with the main campus
5. Convocators were dismissed to attend Regent Committee meetings